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# CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)

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## Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports

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Year Ended December 31, 2009

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Robert J. Black  
City Court of Bogalusa  
Bogalusa, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City Court of Bogalusa's management. My responsibility is to express an opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City Court of Bogalusa, as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budget comparison schedule on page 20 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is required supplemental information by the Governmental Auditing Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Management has not presented management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 3, 2010 on my consideration of the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

*Richard M. Seal*

Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana  
June 3, 2010

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
December 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 71,369
Investments	16,785
Due from other governmental entities	162
Capital assets:	
Depreciable equipment, net	<u>2,197</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 90,513</u></u>

**LIABILITIES**

Due to litigants and others	\$ 36,297
Total liabilities	<u>36,297</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets	2,197
Unrestricted	<u>52,019</u>
Total net assets	<u>54,216</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 90,513</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
 (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
 Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Program revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Total
<b>Functions/Programs</b>					
General government-					
Judicial	\$ 271,549	\$ 88,200	\$ 179,639	\$ (3,710)	\$ (3,710)
General revenues:					
Interest				754	754
Total general revenues				754	754
Change in net assets				(2,956)	(2,956)
Net assets-beginning				57,172	57,172
Net assets-ending				\$ 54,216	\$ 54,216

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



## FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2009**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$28,036	\$ 43,333	\$ 71,369
Investments	3,000	13,785	16,785
Due from other governmental entities		162	162
Due from other funds	14,758		14,758
Total assets	<u>45,794</u>	<u>57,280</u>	<u>103,074</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Due to litigants and others	\$	\$ 36,297	\$ 36,297
Due to other funds		14,758	14,758
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>51,055</u>	<u>51,055</u>
Fund balances:			
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	45,794		45,794
Special revenue fund		6,225	6,225
Total fund balances	<u>45,794</u>	<u>6,225</u>	<u>52,019</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$45,794</u>	<u>\$ 57,280</u>	

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>\$ 2,197</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 54,216</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
 ( A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b>Revenues</b>			
Court fees	\$ 66,479	\$ 20,071	\$ 86,550
Judges supplemental compensation		8,549	8,549
Intergovernmental	109,062	62,028	171,090
Interest	754		754
Other		1,650	1,650
Total revenues	<u>176,295</u>	<u>92,298</u>	<u>268,593</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General government-			
Judicial-			
Payments to Judge		13,572	13,572
Commissions to Marshal		11,920	11,920
Salaries	93,931	52,849	146,780
Fringe benefits	18,132	9,179	27,311
Judge's supplemental compensation		13,976	13,976
Contract labor	9,182		9,182
Legal and professional	13,390		13,390
Continuing education	845		845
Equipment service contracts			-
Telephone and postage	120		120
Court costs		578	578
Library			-
Retirement	2,471	1,619	4,090
Commissions to clerk		2,556	2,556
Travel	11,764		11,764
Supplies	840		840
Dues and subscriptions	300		300
Miscellaneous	6,476	2,069	8,545
Meals and entertainment	935		935
Seminars and conventions	1,636		1,636
Capital outlay	1,288		1,288
Total expenditures	<u>161,310</u>	<u>108,318</u>	<u>269,628</u>
Net change in fund balances	14,985	(16,020)	(1,035)
Fund balances-beginning	<u>30,809</u>	<u>22,245</u>	<u>53,054</u>
Fund balances-ending	<u>\$ 45,794</u>	<u>6,225</u>	<u>\$ 52,019</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets**  
Fiduciary Fund  
December 31, 2009

	Agency Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	<u>\$ 85,868</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 85,868</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to litigants and others	<u>\$ 85,868</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$ 85,868</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2009

## **INTRODUCTION**

The City Court of Bogalusa (a component unit of the City of Bogalusa) is a court of limited jurisdiction and serves Ward 4 of Washington Parish, Louisiana. The Judge of the Court is an elected official.

According to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 the City of Bogalusa (the City) is the financial reporting entity for the Court. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the City), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Even though the City Court Judge is an independently elected official, and is legally separate from the City, the Court is considered a component unit of the City because of fiscal dependence. The City provides the courtroom and office space for the Court. The City also pays salaries and retirement for the Court's secretaries. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court, and do not present information on the City.

## **1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the City Court of Bogalusa have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principle.

### **A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Court. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City Court reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Court's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Court, except civil filings.

The Special Revenue Fund accounts for the Court's civil filings.

The City Court also reports one fiduciary fund which is used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. The fund is custodial in nature and does not present results of operations or have a management focus.

### **B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

### **C. Deposits and investments**

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. State law and the Court's investment policy allows

## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

investments in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities. Investments are reported at fair market value.

### **D. Receivables and Payables**

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the noncurrent portion of interfund loans).

### **E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include just equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Court maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Equipment	5-20 years

### **F. Compensated Absences**

The Court is not responsible for wages, vacations or sick pay; thus, there are no salary related accruals. The City of Bogalusa is responsible for the salaries of the Court's employees.

### **G. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets



## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

The budget was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and was amended.

### **3. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

GASB Statement 24 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for pass-through grants, food stamps, and on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries. The following were amounts paid on-behalf of the Court for employee salaries and fringe benefits during 2009:

Revenue:	
State of Louisiana	\$ 43,223
Washington Parish Government	32,739
City of Bogalusa	<u>95,128</u>
Total	<u>\$ 171,090</u>

In accordance with Statement No. 24, they are included as revenue, and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements.

### **4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2009, the City Court of Bogalusa has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$71,369 as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ <u>71,369</u>
Total	<u>\$ 71,369</u>

At December 31, 2009, the City Court of Bogalusa maintained a cash balance of \$85,868 in the Fiduciary Fund, which is not reflected in the Statement of Net Assets.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times

## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2009, the City Court of Bogalusa had \$251,903 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

### **5. INVESTMENTS**

At December 31, 2009, the City Court of Bogalusa holds investments of Certificates of Deposit totaling \$16,785. These investments were fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

### **6. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, for the Court follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Equipment	\$ 15,092		\$	\$ 15,092
Total capital assets being depreciated	15,092	—	—	15,092
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,974)	(1,921)		(12,895)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,118</u>	<u>\$ (1,921)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,197</u>

Depreciation expense of \$1,921 for the year ended December 31, 2009, was charged to general government.

### **7. PENSION PLANS**

#### **a. City Judge**

The City Court Judge is a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

#### **1. Plan Description**

LASERS is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan and is a component unit of the State of Louisiana and is included in the state's CAFR as a pension trust fund. The financial report may be obtained by writing to Louisiana State Employees' Retirement

## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

System, Post Office Box 44213, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213.

LASERS is one of several public retirement systems in Louisiana. Each has specific membership requirements established by legislation.

### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting. LASERS' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred.

Method Used to Value Investments. Investments are reported at fair value.

### **3. Contributions**

Member contribution rates for LASERS are established by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:62. Member contributions are deducted from their salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers.

## **b. Clerks**

The secretaries of the City Court of Bogalusa are employees of the City of Bogalusa and are members of the City of Bogalusa Employees' Retirement System.

### **1. Plan Description**

The City of Bogalusa Employees' Retirement System (COBERS) is a single-employer defined benefit plan that covers appointive officers and permanent employees of the City except police and fire departments. COBERS financial statements are included in the general-purpose financial statements of the City of Bogalusa. The financial report may be obtained by writing to City of Bogalusa Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 1179, Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427.

### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting. The financial statements of the City of Bogalusa Employees' Retirement System are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable.

## **CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Method Used to Value Investments. All investments are fixed-income securities and common stock, and are reported at fair market value based on quoted market prices.

### **3. Contributions**

Plan members are required to contribute 6% of their annual covered salary; the City of Bogalusa contributes 11%.

## **8. SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION**

For each new civil court case, a fee is charged for the Judges' Supplemental Compensation as required by state law. The cost collected is remitted to the state to help defray the cost of Judges' salaries. The fee was \$20.50 from January through June, 2009 and \$21.50 July through December, 2009.

## **9. PAYMENTS TO JUDGE**

Payments made to Judge Robert J. Black during 2009 was \$13,572.

## **10. AGENCY FUND TRANSFERS**

The financial activity of agency funds does not represent revenues and expenditures and as such is not included in the combined statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. This fund is used to account for the assets held by the Court for other governmental entities.

Additions and reductions of the agency fund for 2009 follow:

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 142,027
Additions	433,260
Reductions	<u>489,419</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 85,868</u>

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA  
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (concluded)

**11. DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS**

Individual balances due from/to other funds at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$	\$ 14,758
Special Revenue Fund	14,758	
Total	<u>\$ 14,758</u>	<u>\$ 14,758</u>

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Amounts</u> <u>(Budgetary</u> <u>Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with</u> <u>Final Budget</u> <u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Court fees	\$26,811	\$32,600	\$ 66,479	\$ 33,879
Interest	437	8,000	754	(7,246)
Intergovernmental	80,449	90,500	109,062	18,562
Other	-	1,500	-	(1,500)
Total revenues	<u>107,697</u>	<u>132,600</u>	<u>176,295</u>	<u>43,695</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General government-				
Judicial-				
Salary	74,238	98,000	93,931	4,069
Fringe benefits	12,813	15,000	18,132	(3,132)
Contract labor	-	8,700	9,182	(482)
Legal and professional	6,704	6,200	13,390	(7,190)
Continuing education	-	6,000	845	5,155
Equipment service contracts	3,296	3,700	-	3,700
Telephone and postage	824	500	120	380
Library	1,030	1,000	-	1,000
Retirement	2,575	2,200	2,471	(271)
Travel	8,240	5,600	11,764	(6,164)
Supplies	600	500	840	(340)
Dues and subscriptions	1,030	300	300	-
Miscellaneous	609	1,000	6,476	(5,476)
Meals and entertainment	-	1,000	935	65
Seminars and conventions	1,549	3,500	1,636	1,864
Capital outlay	<u>7,004</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,288</u>	<u>1,712</u>
Total expenditures	<u>120,512</u>	<u>156,200</u>	<u>161,310</u>	<u>(5,110)</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(12,815)	(23,600)	14,985	38,585
Fund balance, beginning	<u>33,492</u>	<u>46,596</u>	<u>30,809</u>	<u>(15,787)</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$20,677</u>	<u>\$22,996</u>	<u>\$ 45,794</u>	<u>\$ 22,798</u>

See accompanying auditor's report.

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
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Other Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

**CIVIL COURT**

This Special Revenue Fund accounts for the Court's civil filings.

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Balance Sheet**  
Other Governmental Funds -  
Special Revenue Fund  
December 31, 2009

	<u>Civil Court</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 43,333
Investments	13,785
Due from other governmental entities	162
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>57,280</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
Liabilities:	
Due to litigants and others	\$ 36,297
Due to other funds	14,758
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>51,055</u>
 Fund balances:	
Unreserved, reported in:	
Special revenue fund	6,225
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<u>6,225</u>
 <b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u><u>\$ 57,280</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
 (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Other Governmental Funds -**  
**Special Revenue Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	<u>Civil Court</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Court fees	\$ 20,071
Intergovernmental	62,028
Other	1,650
Judges supplemental compensation	8,549
Total revenues	<u>92,298</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current:	
General government-	
Judicial-	
Payments to Judge	13,572
Commissions to Marshal	11,920
Salary	52,849
Fringe benefits	9,179
Judge's supplemental compensation	13,976
Court costs	578
Retirement	1,619
Commissions to clerk	2,556
Miscellaneous	2,069
Total expenditures	<u>108,318</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(16,020)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>22,245</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u><u>\$ 6,225</u></u>

See accompanying auditor's report.

# RICHARD M. SEAL

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

◦ CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Honorable Robert J. Black  
City Court of Bogalusa  
Bogalusa, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the City Court of Bogalusa's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 3, 2010. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit, I considered City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant

deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City Court of Bogalusa's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the City Court of Bogalusa's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City Court of Bogalusa's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of City Court of Bogalusa's management and the office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Richard M. Seal*

Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana  
June 3, 2010

**CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA**  
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)  
Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

I have audited the basic financial statements of City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued my report thereon dated June 3, 2010. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2009 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

**Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports**

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses [ ☐ ] Yes [X] No      Significant Deficiencies [ ☐ ] Yes [X] No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements [ ☐ ] Yes [X] No

**Section II Financial Statements Findings**

There are no current year findings.

See accompanying auditor's report.